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| Re: | USSN 10/710,984 | CC: | University of South Florida (Assignee) |

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Dear Examiner Alanko:

In response to the non-final office action mailed April 19, 2006, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated August 21, 2006 - (2 pages);
- 2) Petition and Fee for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) – (2 pages);
- 3) Amendment B with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated August 21, 2006 – (9 pages);
- 4) Five (5) sheets of replacement figures; and
- 5) Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$60.00 – (1 page).

Very respectfully,



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Application No. | : 10/710,984 | Confirmation No.: 9395 |
| Applicants: | : Shekhar Bhansali | |
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicants are independent inventors.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that an extension of term is required. Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is attached hereto.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) | | (Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY | | |
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| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | + \$180 = \$0 | | |
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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,



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